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SUBJECT: KAGNEW PROVISION OF SURPLUS ELECTRICAL POWER TO
ASMARA AND UTILITIES TO PMG OCCUPIED TRACTS

REF: (A) STATE 050297; (B) COMNAVTELCOM 021854Z JAN 75;
(C) ASMARA 0323; (D) STATE 043710; (E) ADDIS 2235

1. REF A DISCUSSES TWO PROBLEMS, VIZ. OBTAINING SUFFICIENT
DIESEL FUEL TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO ASMARA AND UTILITIES
FOR USG-EPMG USE ON ALL TRACTS AT KAGNEW, AND THE FINANCIAL PRO-
BLEMS FOR NAVCOMM UNIT IF BILLS FOR SUCH POWER NOT PROMPTLY
PAID BY EPMG.

2. WITH RESPECT TO DEPT. SUGGESTION REF A PARA 4 THAT EPMG
PROVIDE FUEL FOR USG-PMG USE ON ALL TRACTS AT KAGNEW,
EMBASSY AND AMCONSUL ASMARA WOULD PREFER TO CONTINUE USE OF
MOBIL CONTRACT. THE REASONS FOR THIS PROPOSAL ARE: (A) MOBIL
CAN SUPPLY DIESEL AT ALREADY NEGOTIATED PRICE AS LONG AS EPMG
PROVIDES SECURITY THUS ELIMINATING NEED FOR TIME-CONSUMING PRICE
NEGOTIATIONS; (B) MOBIL ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY IN PLACE WHEREAS
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EPMG MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPLY FUEL ON A TIMELY AND REGULAR

BASIS, GIVEN BUREAUCRATIC AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED; (C) EPMG WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR EITHER ARRANGEMENT AND INCENTIVES TO DO SO ARE THE SAME REGARDLESS OF SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND DELIVERY (I.E., 2ND DIVISION WANTS ELECTRICITY AND WATER). THE EPMG'S FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO NAVCOMMUNIT CAN BE TAKEN CARE OF BY MAKING PROMPT PAYMENT OF BILLS BY EPMG CONDITION PRECEDENT TO PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY TO ASMARA. IN ORDER TO REGULARIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER TO EPMG-OCCUPIED TRACTS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE RE DRAFT UTILITIES AGREEMENT ASAP.

3. EMBASSY AND AMCONSUL ASMARA AGREE WITH DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION REF A PARA 4 THAT EPMG PROVIDE DIESEL FUEL BEFORE USG SUPPLIES ELECTRICITY TO ASMARA. WE WILL ALSO INSIST ON PROMPT PAYMENT FOR COST OF UTILITIES THUS FAR INCURRED AS WELL AS FOR ONGOING USAGE AS PER PARA 2 ABOVE. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THESE PROPOSALS IN GENERAL TERMS WITH MOFA MARCH 14 AND LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE FOR EPMG CONSIDERATION. MOFA EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND BY MARCH 17. PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE FOR NOTE COVERING THIS ARRANGEMENT AS PROPOSED REF A.

4. IT APPEARS FROM REF A THAT DEPARTMENT WILLING TO ACCEPT DE FACTO OCCUPATION BY EPMG OF PORTIONS OF KAGNEW STATION STILL UNDER LEASE TO USG AS IMPLIED BY PROVISION OF POWER/WATER TO THESE T ACTS. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO REGULARIZE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY OCCUPATION OF THESE TRACTS BY SIGNING NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE AND TURNOVER AGREEMENT. OUR VIEWS WERE SET FORTH IN ADDIS ABABA 2235 IN RESPONSE TO WHICH STATE 043710 RECEIVED, STATING THAT TURNOVER AGREEMENT, NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE, AND UTILITY AGREEMENT PART OF CONSIDERATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FEBRUARY 27 WASAG MEETING. REQUEST MATTER BE PURSUED AND RESPONSE PROVIDED EMBASSY. WYMAN

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